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SUBJECT: VIET NAM ELECTION RETURNS: VOTER TURNOUT

1. ROUGHLY ONE QUARTER OF REGISTERED VOTERS HAD CAST BALLOTS AS OF 10:00 AM ON BASIS INCOMPLETE REPORTS FROM PROVINCES. CORPS BREAKDOWN FOLLOWS: I CORPS 17.5 PERCENT, 3 OF 5 PROVINCES REPORTING; II CORPS 26.9 PERCENT, 8 OF 12 PROVINCES REPORTING; III CORPS 27.9 PERCENT, 8 OF 11 PROVINCES REPORTING; IV CROPS 28.7 PERCENT, 14 OF 16 PROVINCES REPORTING. FOLLOWING ARE CITY PERCENTAGES, WHICH ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN CORPS PERCENTAGE FIGURES: SAIGON 21.6, VUNG TAU 36.7, HUE 23.4 DANANG 9.3, DALAT 28.4 AND CAM RANH 65.8 (NOON FIGURE).

(1) 2. WE HAVE REPORTS FROM OBSERVERS AT POLLING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SAIGON AREA AS WELL AS A FEW FROM THE PROVINCES.

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ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME SIGNS OF CONGESTION WHERE BALLOTING FOROM THE SENATORIAL STATES IS CONCERNED, BY AND LARGE THE POLLING PROCESS APPEARS TO BE GOING SMOOTHLY. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE VIET CONG ACTIVITY WHICH IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. BUNKER

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